

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 12, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 2010 Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the December 8, 2009 business meeting were approved with a correction/addition suggested by S.Katz on page three (business letter) There was one abstention. (M. DiDonato/T. Martin)

#### III. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

J. Corboy/Coordinator chaired this portion of the meeting. She called for nominations from the floor for the 2010 Chairperson. T. Martin nominated W. Harrison as Chairperson. M. Dessel seconded the motion. Coordinator called for any other nominations and there were none. Nominations were closed by M. Petrus and a second was received from M. Dessel. W. Harrison was voted into office unanimously.

Coordinator called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. K. Martin nominated S. Katz for this position. M. Dessel seconded the motion. S. Katz nominated K. Martin and this motion was seconded by M. Petrus. Since there were two nominations for this position, a paper ballot was used. The count was 4 votes for K. Martin and 3 votes for S. Katz. Thus, K. Martin was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

RESOLUTION: Secretary read the 2010 Resolution and asked for a motion that we continues to hold the Recycling Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Motion was made by W Harrison and seconded by M. Petrus and it was approved by all. Secretary will forward the Resolution to the Hunterdon County Democrat for publication in Legal Public Notices. A list of 2010 monthly meeting dates was distributed to all.

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – S. Katz wanted to discuss Recycling at the Ball Fields. It as suggested that she bring up this topic under “Open to the Committee.”

#### V. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – December 2010 – The December 2010 Depot Day was distributed to members by W. Harrison prior to tonight’s meeting. 76 vehicles were serviced, plus there must have been more that 10 customers before and after our regular operating hours. Paper/cardboard dumpster was 75% full and the glass/plastic one was 50% full. By Sunday afternoon, the cardboard one was completely full. Two 5 gallon buckets of batteries were collected. W. Harrison reported that he checked the site on Monday and found several corrugated boxes blown out toward the highway. It was exceptionally windy on Sunday. He picked up the blown items and placed them in the storage shed. Volunteer list was updated and a new one was made for 2010. Several persons once again asked exactly what is collected. Flyers listing these items were distributed. Refreshments expense - \$5.16.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet in December 2009.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin reported that the Township Committee has decided to hold meetings once a month instead of twice a month for a time period of six months. Letter has been sent to Hunterdon County expressing our concerns about the shared services portion of the new Recycling Ordinance.

D. Internet Recycling Prices – Members discussed removing this item from the agenda since it is not so easy to obtain prices for all items. W. Harrison reported that he has heard that commodity prices have rebounded significantly, especially aluminum.

E. SWAC Report – SWAC report was e-mailed to all prior to the meeting tonight. W. Harrison informed members that SWAC met to consider a request from Raritan Township regarding the RVD River Road transfer station expansion. This facility expansion had been approved by SWAC and the Freeholders about five years ago, but the expansion never took place. Now the company must seek to renew the permit. The motion did not carry. The Freeholders may now take action if they wish.

The five SWAC member sub-committee will meet with the Freeholders on January 26, 2010.

Two field trips took place – one in December to visit the Waste Management single stream separation facility in Newark. DVD of this site was shown at the last meeting of the Recycling Committee. Another field trip took place on January 8, 2010 to the NewTech Electronics Recycling Plant. Brochures were distributed to members for their review. Starting next year, January 1, 1011, designated electronics materials may NOT be discarded in regular trash. Since this company is very expensive, W. Harrison suggested that our residents continue to take advantage of the electronics recycling provided by Hunterdon County.

W. Harrison also informed members that Hunterdon County has received approval from the State for the new draft Recycling Ordinance.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update –The Township Committee still needs to name an Enforcement Official. T. Martin was asked to follow up with the Township Committee on this issue. W. Harrison stated that we have three months to get the draft to the Township Committee for their approval.

B. Recycling Education - S. Katz stated she has contacted the Hunterdon County Democrat concerning a column on recycling. They asked for her to forward all of the VIP articles. It was suggested that the County could have a column and invite all of the municipalities to participate. W. Harrison stated that SWAC is hoping for a County-wide recycling education program. S. Katz has been named as an alternate member to SWAC. The next two articles for the VIP will be on the topics of paper recycling and junk mail.

C. Letters Sent To East Amwell Township Businesses – Secretary distributed the list of businesses to whom the letter was sent with indications of those who responded. Members began a preliminary discussion of how to obtain responses from the businesses on what they recycle. T. Martin suggested a brief published paragraph naming the businesses who responded and citing them for their efforts. This would perhaps urge other to respond. M. Petrus suggested distributing a certificate to the businesses honoring them for their efforts – something to hang in their office or establishment. Members will continue discussions on this topic at future meetings.

VI. Invoices - None received.

#### VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Holiday Card from SAMR

B. List of East Amwell Township Reorganization Meetings

C. Letter from P. Kneski/Mayor, 12/28/09, re: shared services/cost-share formula

D. Various Minutes and Agendas

E.. Resource Recycling Magazine – December 2009

(S. Katz borrowed this item.)

F. Flyer from Pro-Tainer Recycling Trailer

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. 2010 Goals – Preliminary Discussion - Various changes were suggested by members, such as, removing “Monitor Recycling Commodity Prices,” and “ Electronic Recycling.” Some of the additions suggested were: “Fill Vacancies on Recycling Committee,” and “Introduce New Recycling Ordinance.” Other changes were in moving items under proper headings. Secretary will make all changes and members will review the 2010 Goals at the next meeting for final approval. S. Katz will call the East Amwell School to find out how Terracycle picks up materials from the school.

B. Clean-Up Day - 2010 - Preliminary Discussion - Members discussed and decided on April 24, 2010 for the 2010 Clean-Up Day. T. Martin made the motion to hold the 2010 Clean-Up Day on April 24, 2010 with all procedures as were done in the years past, including the same fees. This motion was seconded by M. Petrus. All were in favor. W. Harrison will contact Good Will Industries to provide a truck for usable items, as well as questioning them about providing a truck on one of our Depot Days. Secretary will notify the Township Committee and Raritan Waste Disposal, as well as B. Hummel and the Recreation Committee.

Members also discussed the fees for Clean-Up Day. It was decided to remove all fees listed in the draft ordinance so that changes could be made in the future without changing the ordinance. Fees will be set yearly. Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by M. DiDonato. All were in favor. There is no time to change fees at the present time

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – S. Katz brought up the topic of recycling at the ball fields. She informed members that she sent a letter to those in charge and did not receive the response she had hoped for. Members will need to coordinate these efforts to see to it that bags of recycling are placed in the storage shed. If bags are not put in the storage shed, they may go missing. S. Katz agreed to send a second letter.

S. Katz again stated that she will contact TerraCycle and/or the school to find out how the recyclables are transport to Trenton. She as inquired about our Newsletter, as well as other means of communicating to our residents to inform them about recycling. Since the Township Committee is still discussing the 2010 budgets, it is unknown at this time if there will be a 2010 Newsletter. Other means of communicating with our residents were discussed, such as the VIP, tax bill mailing and the website.

S. Katz also questioned members about pursuing further the prospect of obtaining a youth member. It was suggested that a prospective youth member might attend a regular meeting and/or a Depot Day. They will not be entered on the agenda, simply attend as a guest. She also suggested an essay contest and/or a poster contest. W. Harrison stated that we have done this in the past with very poor attendance – did not reach the full population. Also, funds are not readily available for prizes as in the past. T. Martin stated that a resolution certificate from the Township Committee might be a possible honor for winning a contest.

W. Harrison reminded members that we do need to purchase additional recycling containers. Secretary stated that a requisition must be submitted to purchase any items. Clean Communities Grant Fund monies have been carried over from last year, so that funds are available. Members were asked to follow-up in searching for sites to purchase these containers.

XI. Adjournment – 9:35 PM.

(T. Martin/K. Martin)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

**PRESENT:** W. Harrison, M. Dessel, M. DiDonato, M. Petrus, S. Katz, K. Martin, T. Martin,  
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

**ABSENT:**

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their  
February 9, 2010 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2010 - 7:30 PM**

cc: Rec. Com. Members  
Recreation Com.  
Environ. Com.

Board of Health  
Planning Board  
Twp. Bulletin Board

Twp. Committee & Clerk  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Farmland & Open Space Preservation